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WASHINGTON, MAY 17, 1880.

Are we going to have a show?

The Atlanta Constitution speaks of the United States revenue officers as "CLARK's brigades."

The jury at Ballston has pronounced BILLINGS not guilty of wife murder. Now, we suppose, he will lecture.

Should the unit rule be broken at Chicago GRANT would get at least three votes from Iowa, and possibly five. We think he would also get two from Kansas.

A southern newspaper protests against TILDEN and TILDEN's men. It thinks the party can make even a better race with the man than with either of his jockies, RANDALL or PAYNE.

Mr. O'Connor, of South Carolina, plaintively remarked on Saturday that he "did not believe anything could be done on private bills, and the house might as well adjourn and go home."

WYOMING TERRITORY sends one GRANT and one BLAINE delegate to Chicago. The BLAINE bureau, however, will not hear of the GRANT man until he votes at Chicago for the ex-president's nomination.

The Rome (Ga.) Tribune proposes that when the Cincinnati convention adjourns it shall be invited to visit the "heart of the solid south," where a grand demonstration of military clubs will welcome them.

ONE-FOURTH interest in the Atlanta Constitution was recently sold for \$20,000 cash, which leads the Charleston News and Courier to congratulate the south upon the increasing value of newspaper property in that section.

A COMPANY in Paris ask the government for permission to plant with vegetables the ditches at the foot of the ramparts and the sides of the fortifications which surround the city. This is a step toward turning the sword into a plowshare.

SUPPOSE Senator VOORHEES never finds the "notes of evidence" in his exodus investigation which "Old SI" carried off to Georgia, what will become of him? The "Tall Sycamore of the Wabash" will become a bristled reed and the smoking flax.

THERE is trouble for BLAINE in Indiana. Several delegates hitherto very solid for him are disgusted with his methods. JAMES S. COLLINS, delegate-at-large, and J. J. TOWN, of the eleventh district, have announced a change of purpose as regards voting for BLAINE.

JUDGE ABBOTT, of Massachusetts, is very certain that TILDEN has no chance. But then Judge ABBOTT has not been in "practical politics" since DEN BUTLER swallowed the democratic party in his state, leaving only a small tail sticking out for the judge to amuse himself with.

In Louisville, on Wednesday last, two persons named FREEMAN, father and son, were attacked by hydrophobia. About the same time prizes were being distributed at a dog show in New York. A rattlesnake show, with prizes for the loudest rattle and highest fangs, should be instituted without unnecessary delay.

THE New York Times asserts that the holding BLAINE delegates from instructed GRANT delegations have possibly been "hypnotized." This condition can be produced by placing a "shining object" in front of the subject, whose eyes must be fixed steadily upon it until he becomes oblivious of all other things.

Mr. D. G. CROLEY, of New York, has gone into the prophesy business, based upon the capital that he claims to have secured four years ago, when he predicted that the contest would be between HAYS and TILDEN. He now ventures the probability that the opposing candidates this year will be SHERMAN and FIELD. This looks as if he had anchored one eye steadily on Ohio.

GENERAL BRISTOW was asked by a reporter in New York on Saturday for his opinion on the chances at Chicago. "Indeed," said General BRISTOW, "I am now 'altogether out of politics, and am studying 'nothing outside of my law business. My 'opinion, did I give it, would not really amount to anything." That is the first sensible political opinion we have had from BRISTOW for some years.

Mr. HILL's great point was this: "If 'KELOGG in his seat, they decided that the 'seven were wrong and the eight right. They will make returning boards respectable and the electoral commission entitled to credit, and advise that for three years the democratic party have been pre-claiming fraud in Louisiana when there 'was none.' Well, the democratic senators seem inclined to vote that way, and for once they are right.

The offer made by the Star reporter of \$100 for the stock and fixtures of the SHERMAN bureau was too high. So shrewd a man as J. B. McCULLOUGH would never have ratified the bargain, and we fear the buyer would have had to go into bankruptcy with it.

A lot of unavailable assets on hand. Of course his offer of \$125 for the BLAINE outfit came too late. The only thing worth buying—the ephemeral—had already been chartered by TILDEN, and is to be delivered June 4, guaranteed to run with undiminished venom for twenty days.

The house on Saturday voted 121 to 93 to adjourn on May 31. The resolution goes to the senate for its concurrence. Immediately upon this action a caucus of democratic members was held in the hall of the house, which resolved that the agreement to adjourn ought to be reconsidered and the question left open until the important legislation now pending has been disposed of. Thus do the majority "stand upon the 'order of their going,' and fear to 'go at once'."

What will he do about it? Mr. WASHINGTON pertinaciously persists that he is not a candidate, but is for General Grant first, last and all the time, while his friends are, leaguing with the general's most bitter enemies, and are carrying war against him in his own state with a system of bullying nowhere else known outside the region of the Ku-Klux, the white liners and the rifle clubs of the south. This condition of things is without a parallel in the republican party, and comes nearer the methods of the southern barons than anything that has yet transpired in our political contests. It would seem that Mr. WASHINGTON has something to do to explain the peculiarities of his present position. Why is he in Maine now hobnobbing with Mr. BLAINE's most devoted henchmen, when he should be at home giving direction to his friends to cease their war upon his warm friend and warmer preference? A failure now to put in an early appearance in Illinois and interpose his best efforts to undo the mischief his friends have done in his absence will be regarded as additional evidence of his duplicity, and will add density to the cloud that is already gathering around his conduct. Mr. WASHINGTON, in view of his repeated assertions of fidelity to General Grant and the conduct of his henchmen, will find that he has something to do besides the raising up of his voice afar off to satisfy the country that he is an honest and faithful friend.

AN UNFORTUNATE POLICY.

There has been an unwelcome interference of transient politicians with local affairs in the several states since the present primary presidential canvass opened, so much so that it has become a matter of ill-feeling and complaint. The BLAINE emissaries have traversed both Ohio and Illinois with the force of an invading army. Thus Secretary SHERMAN's state and that which General Grant represents have been overrun with unusual, not to say unscrupulous, methods, for the purpose, if possible, of wresting their legitimate prestige from these distinguished candidates. History has already recorded the result in Ohio, and will repeat it in Illinois. Secretary SHERMAN has not been despoiled of his legitimate political inheritance, neither will General GRANT be when Illinois pronounces its verdict on the 19th instant. So that while much ill-feeling has been engendered by this line of policy, it will in no degree be compensated by any advantage to those who have engineered it.

On the other hand, the friends of Secretary SHERMAN have not emigrated from Ohio to Maine to sap and mine Mr. BLAINE's prospects in his own state. Neither have the friends of General GRANT invaded either Ohio or Maine to interfere with the local strength of their respective statements. So that whatever the result may be, Senator BLAINE will have no cause of complaint against either of his rivals for having poached upon his political preserves, while he must discover that the free-booter system inaugurated by his friends in Ohio and Illinois, though attended perhaps by temporary advantages, will inevitably be followed by a disastrous under-tow in the grand settlement of the question should he succeed in capturing the nomination through these questionable and somewhat offensive agencies. Under these circumstances Mr. BLAINE will find a very doubtful guarantee of carrying either Ohio or Illinois against the stings he has planted there, should the Chicago convention declare in his favor.

A COLORED VICE-PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—J. MILTON TURNER and W. H. BELL, of Missouri, have opened rooms here with a view to promoting a movement looking to the selection of a colored republican for a place on the presidential ticket in which Senator BICE, FREDERICK DOUGLASS, DR. BROWN, of Baltimore, Messrs. TURNER and BELL, with others, participated.

We copy the above from the New York Tribune, with the hope that it is not strictly correct, if it extends beyond the presentation of a preference. Not that we are opposed to a colored man for either president or vice-president, if the national convention shall in its judgment so determine, for we yield to none in our devotion to or in our advocacy of the fullest recognition of all the rights that inhere in the colored race as American citizens; but it occurs to us that it would be an anomaly to have a request even for preference simply on the ground of race color or previous condition, as the above announcement seems to indicate. The republican party is composed of Englishmen, Scotchmen, Irishmen, Germans, Frenchmen, Spaniards, Muscovites, Mongolians, Africans and native Americans—all in the concrete known as republicans, all other distinctions passing out of sight. In the selection of a candidate for vice president, the only questions to be raised are, is he capable—is he honest—is he a sound, reliable republican? To step beyond such a limit would be to invite combinations that would demand the selection of a German, an Englishman, a Spaniard, a Mongolian or any other antecedent nationality as such to fill our positions of distinction and honor. This would at once divide the party into factions of nationality, and sow the seeds of its ultimate dissolution.

AN astounded and perplexed British lord, commenting on the unexpected overthrow of his party, says:

The result is sufficient to excite the most serious reflection in politicians of all shades, to have the government of the country at the mercy of a popular opinion, working as it were underground, invisible, insubstantial, and throwing up no indications whatever to mark the course which it is taking.

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